

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1, 5-7, 11-12, 14, 18-19, 21, and 25-26 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 14, and 21 are independent claims. By way of this amendment, claims 7, 11-12, 14, 18-19, 21, and 25-26 have been withdrawn. Further, claims 28-36 are newly added.

Drawings

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating the drawings filed on July 16, 2003, are acceptable (although Examiner clearly appears to have inadvertently indicated that the drawings were filed July 16, 2006, which could not be possible when the Action was mailed July 3, 2006).

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement requiring Applicants to elect either Invention I (*i.e.*, Claims 1, 5, and 6) or Invention II (*i.e.*, Claims 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, and 26). Applicants elect Invention I (*i.e.*, Claims 1, 5, and 6) for further prosecution without traverse. By way of this response Claims 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, and 26 are withdrawn.

Newly Added Claims

Claim 28-36 have been newly added. No new subject matter was added by way of these newly added claims as support may be found in the Specification at page 5, lines 10-19 and page 11, lines 7-18 as well as claim 1. Because newly added claim 28 depends

directly from claim 1, Applicants believe this claim is allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. Further, independent claims 29 and 33 contain essentially the same subject matter as claim 1, thus the claims should be allowable for at least the same reasons. Further claims 30-32 and 34-36, which depend directly from claim 29 and 33, respectively, are allowed for at least the same reasons.

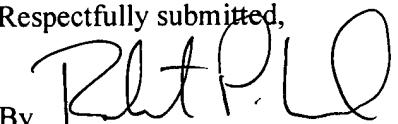
Conclusion

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 03226/511001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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